

### REMARKS

Examiner's remarks are quoted in small bold print.

**Claims 48 [is] rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Orr, Join the information economy.**

Claim 48 has been amended. In claim 48, the trigger from one of the client systems is a trigger that represents an occurrence associated with use of a product, service, software or information. Orr does not disclose or suggest a trigger from a client system that represents an occurrence associated with use of a product, service, software or information.

**Claim 74 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

**Specifically, it is unclear how the trigger is indicated by customer desires or user-set preferences.**

Claim 74 has been amended to indicate that the trigger is activated by an occurrence that satisfies a condition determined by customer desires or user-set preferences.

**As per Claim 76.**

**Orr does not specifically disclose passive evaluation.**

**Kurland ('232) teaches a passive evaluation using digital filters configured to identify patterns of sources of value and fetch the identified information over the network, see column 5, line 20- column 6, line 40 for the benefit of providing surveys based on specific demographics.**

**Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to use digital filters to detect patters and fetch the identified information as taught by Kurland ('232) for the benefit or providing surveys based on specific demographics.**

Applicant has amended claim 76 to independent form, and has specified that the received value information of claim 76 comprises information obtained from passive evaluation of user interactions with a product, service, software, or information. Neither Kurland nor Orr, alone or in combination, describe or suggest a system that distributes value information that includes information obtained from passive evaluation of the user interactions with a product, service, software or information in response a trigger.

Kurland column 5, line 20 to column 6, line 41 generally discloses a system that includes panelist stations at which panelists are actively queried with a questionnaire. For example, the keyboard is "for inputting data, such as demographics and survey data responsive to the market survey questionnaire being visually displayed." (column 6, line 18-20). This market information questionnaire system does not disclose passive evaluation of user interactions.

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Neither does the Kurland's comparator 66 describe value information obtained from passive evaluation. The comparator describes tailoring questionnaires based on "certain demographic profiles which have been input to memory" (column 6, line 38-41). There is no suggestion to obtain these "certain demographic profiles" by passive evaluation. Thus, the panelist questionnaire system of Kurland does not make obvious the distribution of value information that includes information obtained from passive evaluation of user interactions.

**Claims 75, 79-81, 83-86, 98-102, 107 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**


Claims 86, 98, 99 and 102 are amended.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes being made by the current amendment.

Applicant asks that all claims be allowed. Enclosed is a \$300 check for excess claim fees. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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**Version with Marked Changes**

Claims 48, 67, 71, 74, 76, 86, 98, 99, and 102 have been amended as follows:

48. (amended) A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable,

store the received value information, and

in response to a trigger from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems, wherein the trigger represents an occurrence associated with use of a product, service, software, or information.

67. (amended) A system comprising:

a digital medium storing information generated by independent users about the value of products, services, software, or information, the medium being coupled to an electronic communication network; and

an electronic communication interface that receives the information from the users to the digital medium and sends stored value information from the medium to the users in response to actions [of the users] associated with usage of products, services, software or information by the users.

71. (amended) The system of claim 69 in which the filters provide information to the server about user preferences, and the server makes the information available to vendors of the products, services, software or information.

74. (amended) The system of claim 48, wherein the trigger is [indicated] activated by an occurrence that satisfies a condition determined by customer desires or user-set preferences.

76. (amended) [The system of claim 48,] A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable, wherein the received value information obtained from the client systems [is] comprises information obtained from passive evaluation of user interactions with a product, service, software, or information,

store the received value information, and

in response to a trigger from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems.

86. (amended) [The system of claim 48 in which the] A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable, wherein the received value information comprises usage logs,  
store the received value information, and  
in response to a trigger from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems.

98. (amended) A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable,

store the received value information, and

in response to [The system of claim 48 in which the trigger is] a preset periodic trigger from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems.

99. (amended) [The system of claim 48 in which the trigger is] A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable,

store the received value information, and

\_\_\_\_\_ in response to a trigger, activated by a client system threshold, from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems.

102. (amended) [The system of claim 48 in which] A system comprising a server that is electronically accessible to multiple client systems;

the server storing value information indicative of the values of respective products, services, software, or information as determined by users of the products, services, software, or information, and

software configured to:

\_\_\_\_\_ receive value information electronically from the client systems regarding what would make a product, service, software, or information valuable,

\_\_\_\_\_ store the received value information, and

\_\_\_\_\_ in response to a trigger from one of the client systems, distribute the stored value information for the product, service, software, or information electronically to the one of the client systems, wherein the trigger is a function of a customer valuation of the respective product[s], service[s], software, or information.